

# Court Told U.S. Knew Of B-26s

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**B**UFFALO — The U.S. Gov-  
ernment knew as early  
as May, 1965, that some  
businessmen were setting up  
an agreement under which  
20 twin-engine attack bomb-  
ers were to be sent to Eu-  
rope, a Tucson, (Ariz.) bank-  
er testified yesterday in  
Federal District Court.

Daniel M. Coors of the  
Southern Arizona Bank and  
Trust Co., called by the  
United States in the trial  
of three men on charges of  
conspiring to smuggle B-26  
bombers to Portugal, said  
that Gordon Hamilton, own-  
er of the Tucson firm that  
took the airplanes out of  
mothballs and prepared  
them for flight, advised U.S.  
Customs of the deal shortly  
after its inception.

Coors's remarks came out  
under cross-examination by  
Edwin Marger, the lawyer  
who represents John R.  
Hawke, 23, one of the de-  
fendants. Hawke contends  
that the Central Intelligence  
Agency knew of the bomber  
plan and secretly approved  
it despite a promise by the  
U.S. Government that no  
weapons would be sent to  
Portugal for use against  
rebels in the Portuguese  
African colonies.

After a brief hearing dur-  
ing which the jury was sent  
out of the courtroom, Judge  
John O. Henderson reserved  
decision on a motion by  
Marger that the Government  
pay the cost of bringing 11  
defense witnesses, including  
top CIO officials, to Buffalo.  
Marger claims that Hawke,  
a former Royal Air Force  
pilot now living in Fort  
Lauderdale, Fla., is indi-  
gent.

## Rail Fireman Dispute

Union attorney Joseph L.  
Rauh charged yesterday  
that U.S. District Judge Al-  
exander Holtzoff was setting  
himself up as a "labor re-



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JUDGE HOLTZOFF

... bias charged  
ations czar" in the dispute  
over eliminating railroad  
firemen's jobs.

In a brief to the U.S.  
Court of Appeals, which will  
hear the latest round in the  
7-year-old dispute Oct. 6,  
Rauh said Holtzoff erred in  
ruling last March that the  
railroads could keep on elim-  
inating firemen's jobs de-  
spite the expiration of the  
law on which the attrition  
plan was based.

Rauh accused Holtzoff of  
being biased against the  
union, the AFL-CIO Brother-  
hood of Locomotive Firemen  
and Enginemen, and said his  
ruling "defies rational an-  
alysis."

Some 18,000 firemen's jobs  
had been eliminated under a  
compulsory arbitration law  
passed in 1963. Holtzoff  
ruled that, even though the  
law had expired, to require  
hiring of new firemen would  
defeat its purpose.

## Addenda

• Capt. Walter M. Schirra  
Jr. will command the second  
three-man Apollo spacecraft,  
the Houston Post reported.

• The Radio Television  
News Directors Association  
took "strong exception" to  
any legal controls on infor-  
mation provided news me-  
dia. "Professional and re-  
sponsible conduct is essen-  
tially the concern of journal-  
ists, not the court," the  
group said.

• Frank Rotella Jr., for-  
mer head of the New Jersey  
chapter of the Ku Klux  
Klan, says he has formed a  
new group, the New Jersey  
White Crusaders, to fight  
against "black power and  
black terror."

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